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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application
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The amendment filed on Jun. 18, 2001, Paper No. 5, is considered not fully responsive to the prior office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The amendment to claim 6 is improper because the "marked-up" version of the amendment merely replaced the word "number" in the phrase "by number" with -- weight -- without properly indicating the deletion of the word "number" by brackets or an equivalent marking system, and without indicating the addition of the word -- weight -- by underlining or an equivalent marking system. Compare the "marked-up" version of the amended claim 6 with originally filed claim 6.

37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii) states that "[t]he changes may be shown by brackets (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter), or by any equivalent marking system."

In response to this communication, applicants are required to rewrite claim 6 as a new claim with a new claim number in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i) and (ii). The dependence of the remaining claims should be corrected as necessary.

This procedure is necessary to ensure an unambiguous record of the claims presented for prosecution.


See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicants are given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janis L. Dote whose telephone number is (703) 308-3625.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Nam Nguyen, can be reached on (703) 308-3322. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3599 for after final faxes, and (703) 305-7718 for other official faxes.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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